

Application No.: 09/854,638
Amendment Dated: August 4, 2003
Reply to Office Action of: May 2, 2003

Docket No.: C06123/119964

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re Application of :

John DAPRON, *et al.*

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For: **HIGH CAPACITY ASSAY
PLATFORMS**

Examiner: My-Chau T. Tran

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New York, New York
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SUBMISSION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114:
RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION INCLUDING AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed May 2, 2003. This Response is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), and satisfies the requirement to file a "submission" under 37 CFR §§ 1.114(a) & (c). The Final Office Action set a three-month shortened statutory period for response. Accordingly, the RCE and Response are filed timely upon mailing, with an executed certificate of mailing, on or before August 4, 2003, because August 2, 2003, was a Saturday. 37 CFR §§ 1.7 and 1.8. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$750.00 to cover the fee for the RCE. 37 CFR § 1.17(e). Please charge any fees not otherwise paid by check to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Please amend the application as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

REMARKS begin on page 22 of this paper.